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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? (yes /	no) 🔾 👿
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing \$54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC? (yes /	$\sim$ $\sim$ $\sim$
<112>	<112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service  Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	30847wi112.pdf
	Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	Name of Attached Document
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	Yes
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	Yes
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality, and how support was used to improve service quality	Yes
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage	ge Yes
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity	Yes
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	Not Applicable

## (200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)

Data Collection Form

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<210>	For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?	
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(300) Unfulfilled Service Request Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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	Name of Attached Document	
<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)	0	
<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)		
	Name of Attached Document	

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would lil voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony servic calendar year for each service area in which you are designa any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize	e in the prior Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would list end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadbathe prior calendar year for each service area in which you a an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise.	and service in Offered only fixed broadband re-designated
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0.0
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0) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consul a Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/CM/B Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013	
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<900>	Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)	No.	
<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves	:	
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	Name of Ati	tached Document
If your o	company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes		
	rm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920,		
	strates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to	Select	
	3(a)(9) includes:	Yes or No or	
<921>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions	Not Applicable	
<922>	Feasibility and sustainability planning;		
<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;		
<924>	Compliance with Rights of way processes		
<925>	Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements		
<926>	Compliance with Facilities Siting rules		
<927>	Compliance with Environmental Review processes		
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	oice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes ste≈41wate10.gdf	
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		Name of Attached Do	cument
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<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance	339847wi1030.pdf	
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(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form			FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013		
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<020>	Program Year				
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line < 030	> per a steed in the			
<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	Yes			
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes. No. Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carner offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 2 upstream within the supported area pursuant to $\S$ 54 313(g)				

Lifeline	erms and Condition for Lifeline Customers		0	CC Form <b>481</b> MB Control No. <b>3060-0986/OMB</b> Control No. 3060-0819 ly 2013
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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans		ntea (Autorio I) di	
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<1220>	Link to Public Website	чттр	and a second of the second of	
or the we	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Ufeline subscribers.  Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,			

(2000) Pri	ce Cap Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
Data Colle	ection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
Including I	Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	July 2013
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Select t		as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, e information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.
	Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting	
<2010	> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the	July 1
\2010	2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremen	·
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	Support	
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\Z022>	acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations	
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	question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiativ	
	Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program f	r
	projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4	
	Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.	
<2023>		pount of
\Z0ZJ/	capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Conne	
	America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of	
	blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two	-
	54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	
<2024/	A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	
202.5	The standard for the second blocks indicating subgraphs for the consequent	Name of Attached Doggment Liction
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	two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Required Information
<2025	A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	
202	Attack	ed 1 for Name of Attached Dogument Listing
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	year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , N	/C Required Information
	Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-	
2001Es	<ul> <li>2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)</li> </ul>	4)
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	Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d)) Certification support used to build broadband	
Connect	America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))	
	Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?	
<2017B>	Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2018>	cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015. Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2019>	Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in	
<2020>	urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v) Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)	
<2021>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)	
<2026>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)	
<2027>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to $100\%$ of its supported locations in the state on December 31, $2020 \cdot 54.313(e)(6)$	
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(3005) Rate C Data Collection	Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation on Form				FCC Form 481 OMA Control No. 3050-0956/GMB Cantrol No. 3050-0819 July 2013
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compliand	the items below to note compliance with five year see with the financial reporting requirements set forthers attached below is accurate.	service quality p h in 47 CFR § 54	lan (pursuant to .313(f)(2). I furt	o 47 CFR § 54.2 her certify tha	202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring tithe information reported on this form and in
(3009)	Progress Report on S Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)				
(3010A)	Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54 313(f)(1)(i)}		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	time Naridii.	in und   (F. Baltwijffff)   dd
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attacl	ned Document Lis	sting Required	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No. No New Co	mmich by Alice b		
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attacl	ned Document Lis	sting Required	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR 6 54.313(f)(2))	(Yes/No)	0	<b>⊙</b>	
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	O	O	
(3015) (3016)	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required	Name of Attacl Information	ned Document Lis	sting Required	
(3018)	documentation If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line	{Yes/	No) O	0	
(3019)	3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS				
(3020)	Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers  Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.				
(3022)	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers.				
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant				
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.				
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				

Name of Attached Document Listing Required

Information

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Attach the worksheet listing required information

(3005) Reta Of Return Carrier Additional Decumentation (Continued) Data Collection Form		PCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0818 July 2013
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Financial Data Summary (3027) Revenue (3028) Operating Expenses		
(3029) Net Income (3030) Telephone Plant in Service(TPIS)		
(3031) Total Assets (3032) Total Debt (3033) Total Equity (3034) Dividends		

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation	FCC Form 483 CMB Control No. 3060-0906/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
Data Collection Form	July 2013

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#### 4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

#### Public Interest Obligations - FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

#### Community Anchor Institutions - FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

**4003a.** RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

#### If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

speed and data usage allowances available in the

relevant geographic area

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filling deadline for the FCC Form 481

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband ware of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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# Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the Information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate. Name of Reporting Carrier: BELMONT TEL CO Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFICATION ON THE CO Printed name of Authorized Officer: Title or position of Authorized Officer: Title or position of Authorized Officer: Filing Due Date for this form: O7/01/2016 Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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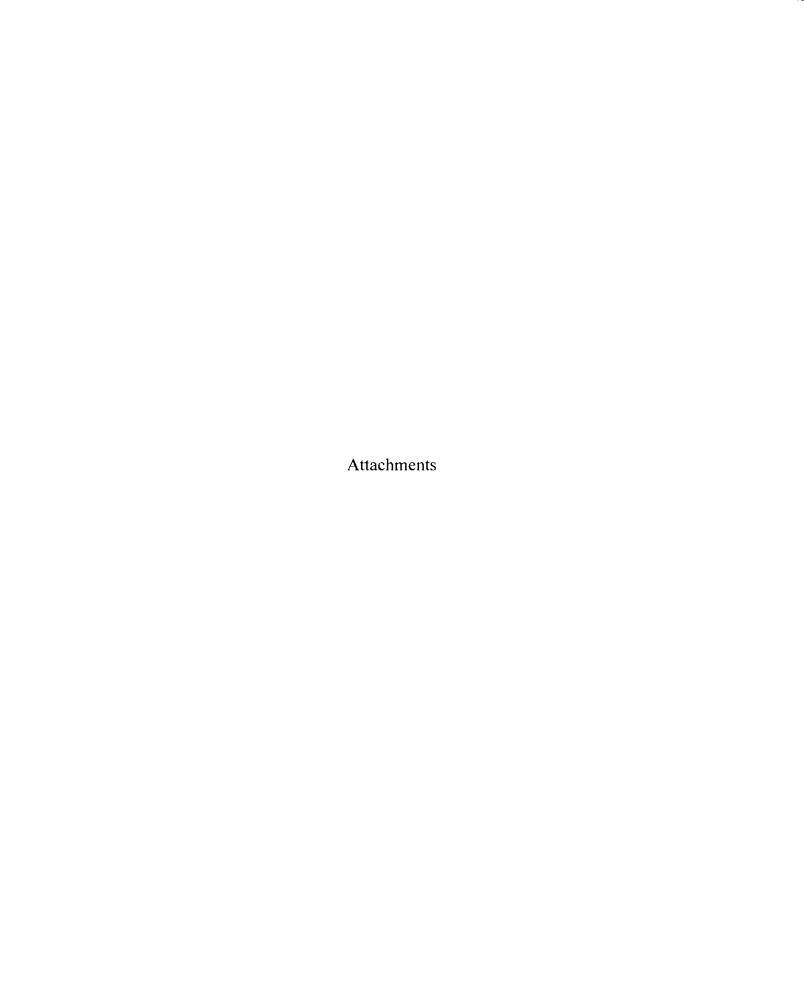
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# Belmont Telephone Company, Inc. Line 112 – Annual Progress Report on Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan

As required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1), the following pages provide the Company's annual progress report on the five-year service quality improvement plan filed in 2014 with the Form 481 that described the proposed improvements and/or upgrades over the next five years to the applicant's network throughout the Company's service area.

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1) specifies that recipients should submit "[a] progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a), including maps detailing its progress towards meeting its plan targets, an explanation of how much universal service support was received and how it was used to improve service quality, coverage, or capacity, and an explanation regarding any network improvement targets that have not been fulfilled in the prior calendar year. The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate."

This document describes the Company's progress report on the five-year plan, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(1), including maps explaining the Company's progress towards meeting deployment targets, the amount of universal service support received, how support was used to improve service quality, coverage, or capacity, and an explanation regarding any network improvement targets that have not been fulfilled in the prior calendar year. The information regarding the total amount of universal service support received is broken out separately by the amount spent on capital expenses and the amount spent on operating expenses. The information regarding planned and/or completed network improvements shall be at the wire center level or census block, as appropriate.

#### QUANTIFICATION OF AMOUNT OF USF SPENT ON CAPITAL VERSUS OPERATING EXPENSES:

Line 114 of Form 481 requests a quantification of how much USF was received for the Company's service area and that the amount be broken out separately by the amount spent on capital expenditures and the amount spent on operating expenses. For the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, the Company received \$128 Thousand in federal USF revenue, including Interstate Common Line Support ("ICLS") and Connect America Funds (CAF"). The company used \$17 Thousand for capital expenditures and \$111 Thousand to cover a portion of the Company's operating expenses.

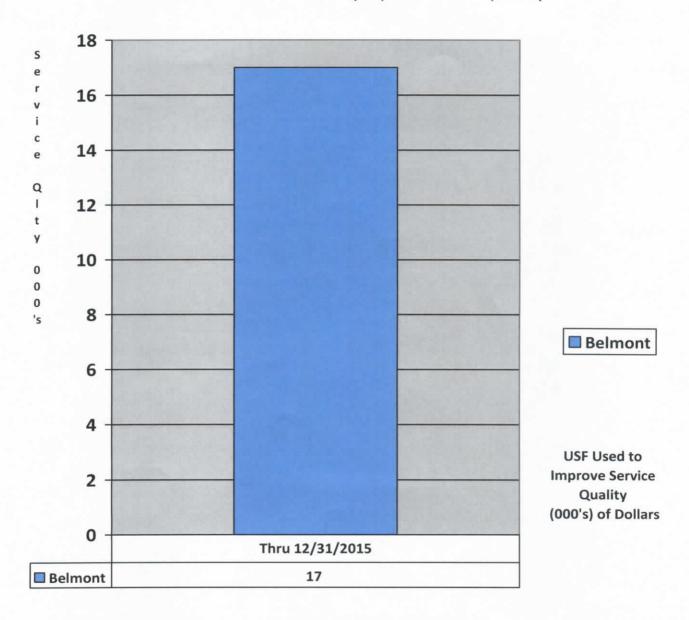
## QUANTIFICATION OF AMOUNT OF USF SPENT TO IMPROVE SERVICE QUALITY:

As discussed previously, in 2015, Belmont spent \$17 Thousand on capital improvements to improve service quality, coverage and capacity.

Line 115 of Form 481 requests that the progress report specify how much USF support was used to improve service quality, at the wire center level or census block, as appropriate.

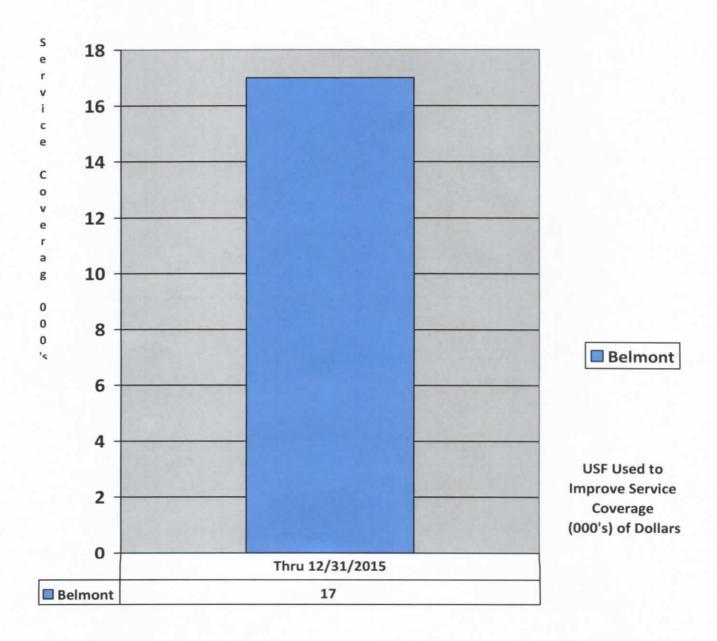
For the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 \$17 Thousand was spent to improve service quality. Please note we are showing the \$17 Thousand for each category, improving service quality, coverage and capacity, since it is extremely difficult for the Company to estimate the split between service quality, coverage and capacity. The capital expenditures for these three items overlap and separating them into the three categories would be extremely imprecise.

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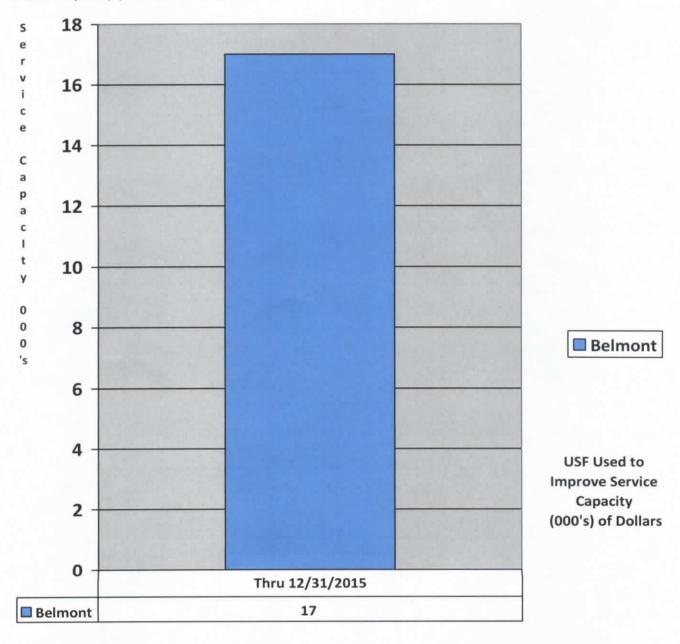
## QUANTIFICATION OF AMOUNT OF USF SPENT TO IMPROVE SERVICE COVERAGE:

Line 116 of Form 481 requests that the progress report specify how much USF support was used to improve service coverage, at the wire center level or census block, as appropriate. For the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 \$17 Thousand in capital expenditures were spent to improve service coverage (see note above).



## QUANTIFICATION OF AMOUNT OF USF SPENT TO IMPROVE SERVICE CAPACITY:

Line 117 of Form 481 requests that the progress report specify how much USF support was used to improve service capacity, at the wire center level or census block, as appropriate. For the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 \$17 Thousand was spent to improve service capacity (see note above).



## **EXPLANATION OF ACHIEVEMENT OF NETWORK IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES:**

Line 118 requests an explanation of reasons why network improvement targets were not achieved, if applicable, at the wire center level or census block, as appropriate. While the five-year plan filed in 2014 showed 2015 capital expenditures of \$98 Thousand, the Company has been in the process of shortening the loop length and increasing bandwidth capacity as quickly as possible, to the point where as of 12/31/2015, 77% of residential loops could receive 10 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up and 98% 4 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up, which is on track with our broadband service goals envisioned in the five-year service quality improvement plan so while the total Capital expenditure amount differs from the amount shown in the five-year plan, the speeds delivered to the customers, which is the primary objective of the five-year plan, is on track.

The company is vigilantly working on the network improvement objectives; however, often items such, but not limited to, the following cause delays (not in any particular order):

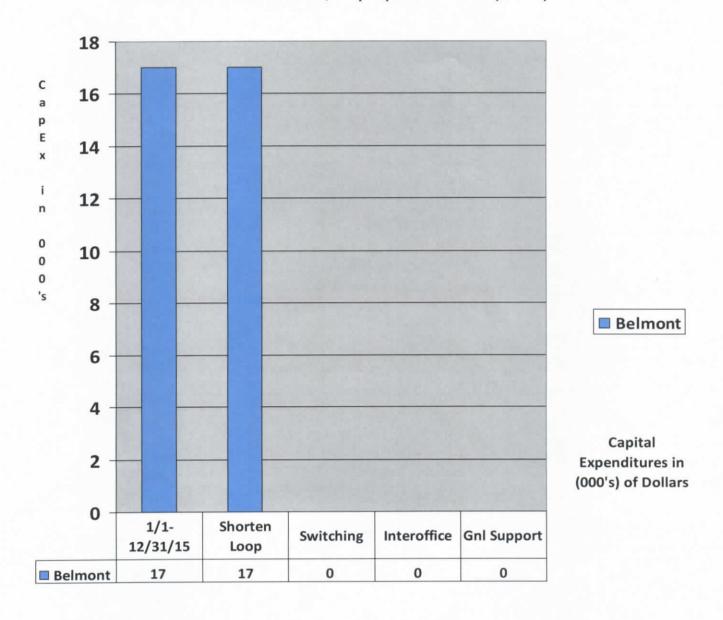
- 1) Permits: It is not possible to predict the ability to obtain all necessary permits, including easements and rights-of-way, within the five-year time-frame required to complete the capital expenditures included in the Company's five-year plan. Permits can be, and often are, delayed significantly by various governmental agencies and those delays are totally outside the control of the Company.
- 2) Weather Issues: It is not possible to predict the impact of the weather on the installation of the capital expenditures included in the Company's five-year plan. For example, if the ground is frozen, the timing of installing facilities can be significantly delayed and those delays are totally outside the control of the Company.
- 3) Lead Time to Obtain Materials from Vendors: It is not possible to predict when a material critical for the capital expenditures included in the Company's five-year plan may come into a shortage situation. For example, currently the industry is experiencing a shortage of fiber optic cable where there is a significant lead time to obtain fiber optic cable. Delays of this nature are impossible to predict and are totally outside the control of the Company.
- 4) Lead time to get Contractors to Install Facilities: Just as with the materials, the Company has experienced times when it was not able to obtain contractors to install the equipment because the Company is not large enough compared to other firms wanting the contractor to do work for them. Therefore, the Company had to wait until much later than anticipated to get the contractor to come install the facilities for them. Once again, delays of this nature are impossible to predict and are totally outside the control of the Company.

### PROGRESS REPORT ON THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN:

As described in the five-year plan, the Company provides service primarily through the use of fiber optic cable and electronics between the central offices and the subscriber terminal equipment (e.g., Digital Loop Carriers ("DLCs")) in the field. Copper cable is still in use and most frequently, the last mile facilities are generally provided over copper. The Company has a certain amount of fiber-to-the-premise ("FTTP") facilities, as well. It is the company's intention to continue to install fiber optic cable and electronics, wherever feasible. The company has begun the transition from the TDM-based network to an IP-network and is continually assessing the most cost-effective technology solutions to provide our customers the services they request.

The company only has one exchange with one wire center; therefore, the progress report on the five-year plan is presented at the Company level (which is also the wire center level). Capital expenditures for the RLEC from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 are as follows:

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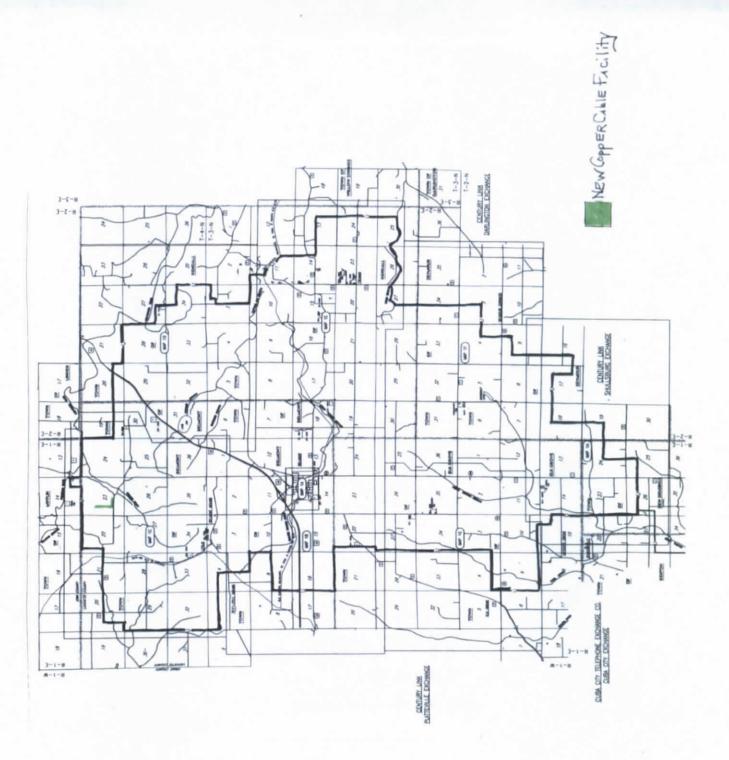
#### **COMMUNITY ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS:**

Line 2020 of the Form 481 requests per 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(e)(ii), the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the ETC began offering broadband service in the preceding calendar year. The Company already provides broadband service to all of the community anchor institutions in the serving area. If the community anchor institution requests increased bandwidth, the Company works with the institution to determine and supply the broadband service that best fits the needs of the institution. No new community anchor institutions received broadband service from the Company in the preceding calendar year.

## **CONCLUSION:**

The Company is generally on track to complete providing 4 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up (4/1) and 10 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up to customers as presented in the five-year service quality improvement plan filed in 2014 with the FCC. The company will improve and upgrade facilities in order to provide customers with the highest quality voice and broadband service in the most cost-effective manner. This includes shortening the length of the loops, as needed, in order to provide greater bandwidth to the customer, augmenting and upgrading the interexchange facilities, as needed, to provide greater speeds and sufficient facilities for special access circuits, including, but not limited to, dedicated facilities to wireless towers, modifying switching equipment, as needed, in order to provide the services and features desired by the customer, and adding/replacing general support equipment, as needed, in order to continue to operate as a company and provide service to the end user.

The Company's territory and broadband service status is shown on the map attached to the end of this report.



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## Belmont Telephone Company, Inc. Line 510 - Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection

As required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) for High-cost Recipients, the following is a detailed description of how the Company complies with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules.

**SERVICE QUALITY STANDARDS:** The Company abides by the State Commission's requirements for service quality. All required reporting is done with the Company in full compliance of the service quality standard requirements.

### **CONSUMER PROTECTION RULES:**

The Company developed and implemented a Customer Proprietary Network Information ("CPNI") Compliance Manual and has appointed a CPNI Compliance Officer. Annually, the Company requires all employees to certify that they have reviewed and understand the CPNI Compliance Manual and that they understand that any violation of the Company's CPNI procedures may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. The Company files an annual report with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") certifying compliance with the FCC's CPNI rules.

The Company also developed and implemented an Identity Theft Prevention Program Manual and has appointed a Red Flag Coordinator. Annually, the Company requires all employees certify that they have reviewed and understand the Identity Theft Prevention Program Manual. Further, employees must certify that they understand that any violation of the Company's identity theft prevention procedures may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

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## Belmont Telephone Company, Inc. Line 610 – Functionality in Emergency Situations

As required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6) for all high cost recipients, which includes the Company, and as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2), the following provides a detailed description demonstrating that the Company has the ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that 1) it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, 2) is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and 3) is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

**OVERALL RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:** The Company has a comprehensive disaster recovery plan (also called a "continuity plan") that was developed and implemented for the Company specifically to deal with emergencies. It has detailed, specific steps that are to be taken for each type of emergency.

**POWER:** In order to function in an emergency, the Company has a combination of batteries and emergency generators. Some locations have permanent emergency generators with fuel tanks; whereas, other locations require a portable generator to be brought to the location to recharge the on-site batteries. The company owns several portable generators that technicians can take out to recharge the batteries. For example, the company's central offices have automatic stand-by generators to run the entire offices. The digital loop carrier ("DLC") sites also have battery back-up.

**REROUTING TRAFFIC AND REDUNDANCY:** The Company has established 100% redundant E-911 trunks and SS-7 routes. In addition, the network was designed with redundancy, wherever possible, especially in the backbone network. Where it is not redundant, the Company has the ability to redirect most backbone traffic. In cases where there is no redundancy, it is due to the extreme cost of a 100% redundant network. For example, the loop to the customer location is typically not redundant, especially for residential customers. This is because it would not be cost effective to build totally separate facilities for the "last mile" to the customer.

MANAGING TRAFFIC SPIKES: The Company realizes that when a catastrophe happens, everyone immediately tries to contact friends and family to make certain they are all right. The Company has designed the network to have excess capacity on its backbone network. For example, on Mother's Day, the company handles traffic without the customer receiving the "All Trunks Busy" message which demonstrates the Company's ability to handle peak traffic spikes.

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## Belmont Telephone Company, Inc. Line 1010 – Voice Services Rate Comparability

As required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(10), any recipient of high-cost support shall provide a letter certifying that the pricing of the company's voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice services, as specified in the most recent public notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. The following provides the Company's support for Line 1010 - Description of Voice Service Rate Comparability.

As of January 1, 2016, the Company charges the following fixed voices prices for residential service:

Flat Rate Residential Service	\$14.00
Residential State Subscriber Line Charge	0.00
State Universal Service Charge Fee	0.00
Mandatory Extended Area Service	0.00
Residential Federal Subscriber Line Charge	6.50
Total Residential Fixed Voice Charges	<u>\$20.50</u>

Since the total for residential fixed voice that the Company charges, as shown above, is below the \$41.07, which is two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice services, announced by the FCC Wireline Competition Bureau in the Public Notice released on March 20, 2014 (DA 14-384), the Company hereby certifies that it is in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(10).

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### Belmont Telephone Company, Inc. Line 1020 – Broadband Comparability

In a December 2014 Order (FCC 14-90), paragraphs 119-123, the FCC created Section 54.313(a)(12) which requires recipients of High Cost Program and/or Connect America Fund support that are subject to broadband performance obligations to submit a broadband reasonable comparability rate certification.

The following provides the Company's support for Line 1020 - Description of Broadband Service Rate Comparability.

As of January 1, 2016, the Company charges the following residential broadband price:

Download Speed	12Mbps
Upload Speed	1Mpbs
Usage Allowance	Unlimited
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL	\$49.99

Since the total for residential broadband that the Company charges, as shown above, is below the \$77.80 for 10 Mbps x 1 Mbps service with the unlimited usage allowance, which is the reasonable comparability benchmark for broadband service announced by the FCC Wireline Competition Bureau in the Public Notice released on April 16, 2015 (DA 15-470), the Company hereby certifies that it is in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(12).

## **Belmont Telephone Company Lifeline Terms and Conditions**

This program can help low-income customers reduce their telephone bills. Lifeline makes telephone service more affordable for income-eligible households by reducing the basic monthly charge for one telephone line.

#### How Much Can I Save Per Month?

**Lifeline** will generally reduce the cost of monthly telephone service for eligible households by \$10.00. If the cost of monthly traditional telephone service is more d1an \$25.00, a credit will be issued so d1at the monthly charge is no more than \$15 for a basic residential line, 120 local calls, 911 costs and the Federal Subscriber Line Charge (SLC).

**Lifeline** customers who choose a prepaid wireless service will receive a set number of minutes each month (at no charge) equivalent to the \$10.00 credit on landline services. Additional charges will apply if you have higher usage.

#### Lifeline Providers

Most wireline and wireless providers offer a Lifeline service. A list of Lifeline Providers can be found on the Public Service Commission website at: <a href="mailto:psc.wi.gov/Lifeline">psc.wi.gov/Lifeline</a>

### How Do I Apply?

First, contact your telephone service provider and ask to apply for **Lifeline** assistance for Wisconsin residents. The service provider will need to verify that you are eligible.

If you are currently receiving benefits from one of the programs listed in this brochure, but your **Lifeline** application was denied, contact your case worker or county benefits specialist.

NOTE: If you getting a **Lifeline** service from one provider, you cannot also get **Lifeline** from another provider. For instance, if you have a **Lifeline** service in your home, you are not eligible to also get a Lifeline supported pre-paid wireless service. The Company's voice lifeline plan includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. The Company's voice lifeline plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll unless a "bundled minutes" package is chosen.

### Who is Eligible to Participate in Lifeline?

Eligible customers include those that receive benefits from:

- Wisconsin Homestead Tax Credit (Schedule H)
- · Wisconsin Works (W2)
- Medical Assistance (MA)
- · Badger Care
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- · Food Stamps
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- · Federal Public Housing Assistance
- TANF
- National School Lunch Program

Residents of tribal lands may also qualify for **Lifeline** and **Link-Up** (assistance with the cost of initially getting telephone service) by participating in a federal tribal assistance program and may be eligible for additional credits. Please contact your Tribal Authority for additional information.

#### Lifeline Facts and Benefits

 A Lifeline customer's local telephone service will not be disconnected for non-payment of long distance charges.

- Being a **Lifeline** customer **does not** protect you from disconnection if you do not pay your local telephone bill.
- 900-number blocking and other forms of toll blocking are available at no charge.
- If wu apply for Lifeline telephone service and have an outstanding debt with a telecommunications provider, payment arrangements must be negotiated before the telephone service will be installed.

### Questions?

Your local telephone service provider should be your first contact if you have questions regarding **Lifeline**. If you have further questions or a complaint about **Lifeline**then call the Public Service Commission.

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is an independent state agency the oversees more than 1,100 Wisconsin public utilities that provide natural gas, electricity, heat, steam, water and telecommunications.

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### Belmont Telephone Company, Inc. Line 3010 – Milestone Certification

As required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a), any ETC receiving support must file a progress report on its five-year service quality plan. The ETC must certify it has taken reasonable steps to provide, upon reasonable request, broadband service at actual speeds of 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to reasonably comparable offerings in urban areas, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time. This certification must be filed by July 1, 2015 (and future periods) as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(1)(i).

**CERTIFICATION:** The Company certifies that it is in compliance with the five-year service quality plan requirements as stated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a) and all appropriate documents are being filed as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(1)(i).

The Company certifies that it has taken reasonable steps to provide, upon reasonable request, broadband service at actual speeds of 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream or greater, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to reasonably comparable offerings in urban areas, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

The certification by an officer of the Company is included as part of the overall certification for the Form 481, which includes all attachments and is made by an officer of the Company whose responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients. The overall Form 481 certification is made that to the best of the officer's knowledge, the information reported on the Form 481, including attachments, is accurate.

As required in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1), the following pages provide the Company's annual progress report on the five-year service quality improvement plan filed in 2014 with the Form 481 that described the proposed improvements and/or upgrades over the next five years to the applicant's network throughout the Company's service area.

47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1) specifies that recipients should submit "[a] progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a), including maps detailing its progress towards meeting its plan targets, an explanation of how much universal service support was received and how it was used to improve service quality, coverage, or capacity, and an explanation regarding any network improvement targets that have not been fulfilled in the prior calendar year. The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate."

This document describes the Company's progress report on the five-year plan, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(1), including maps explaining the Company's progress towards meeting deployment targets, the amount of universal service support received, how support was used to improve service quality, coverage, or capacity, and an explanation regarding any network improvement targets that have not been fulfilled in the prior calendar year. The information regarding the total amount of universal service support received is broken out separately by the amount spent on capital expenses and the amount spent on operating expenses. The information regarding planned and/or completed network improvements shall be at the wire center level or census block, as appropriate.

## QUANTIFICATION OF AMOUNT OF USF SPENT ON CAPITAL VERSUS OPERATING EXPENSES:

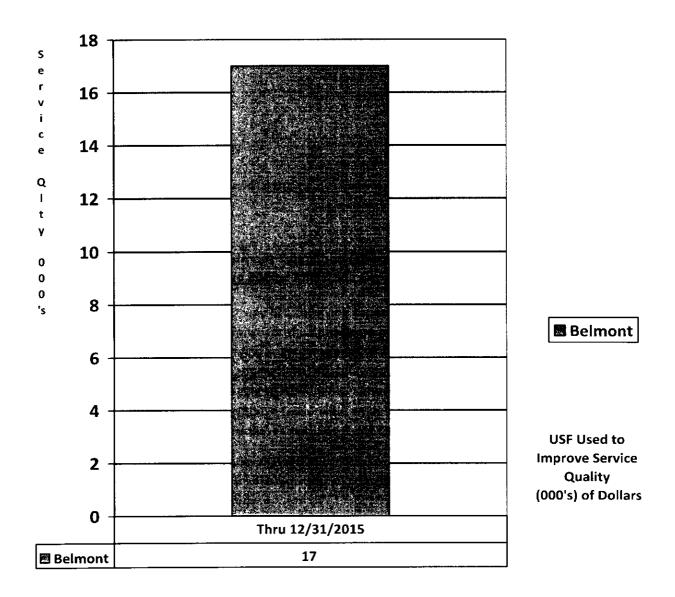
Line 114 of Form 481 requests a quantification of how much USF was received for the Company's service area and that the amount be broken out separately by the amount spent on capital expenditures and the amount spent on operating expenses. For the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, the Company received \$128 Thousand in federal USF revenue, including Interstate Common Line Support ("ICLS") and Connect America Funds (CAF"). The company used \$17 Thousand for capital expenditures and \$111 Thousand to cover a portion of the Company's operating expenses.

### QUANTIFICATION OF AMOUNT OF USF SPENT TO IMPROVE SERVICE QUALITY:

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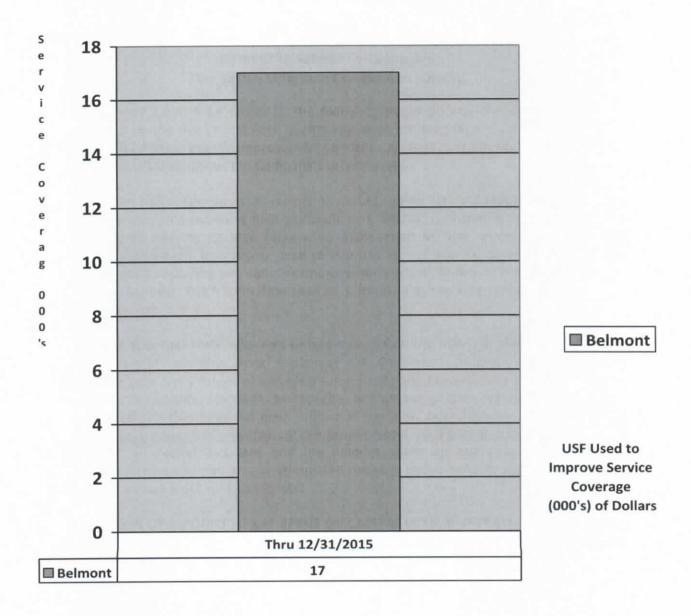
As discussed previously, in 2015, Belmont spent \$17 Thousand on capital improvements to improve service quality, coverage and capacity.

Line 115 of Form 481 requests that the progress report specify how much USF support was used to improve service quality, at the wire center level or census block, as appropriate. For the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 \$17 Thousand was spent to improve service quality. Please note we are showing the \$17 Thousand for each category, improving service quality, coverage and capacity, since it is extremely difficult for the Company to estimate the split between service quality, coverage and capacity. The capital expenditures for these three items overlap and separating them into the three categories would be



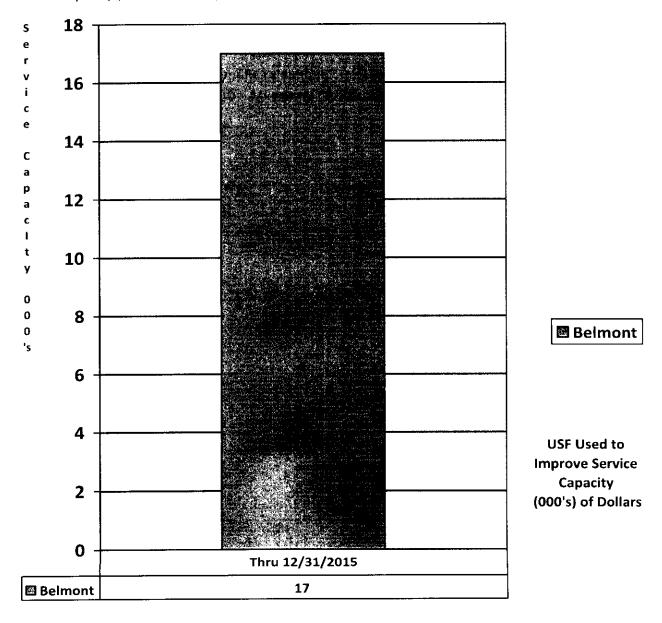
## QUANTIFICATION OF AMOUNT OF USF SPENT TO IMPROVE SERVICE COVERAGE:

Line 116 of Form 481 requests that the progress report specify how much USF support was used to improve service coverage, at the wire center level or census block, as appropriate. For the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 \$17 Thousand in capital expenditures were spent to improve service coverage (see note above).



## QUANTIFICATION OF AMOUNT OF USF SPENT TO IMPROVE SERVICE CAPACITY:

Line 117 of Form 481 requests that the progress report specify how much USF support was used to improve service capacity, at the wire center level or census block, as appropriate. For the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 \$17 Thousand was spent to improve service capacity (see note above).



#### **EXPLANATION OF ACHIEVEMENT OF NETWORK IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES:**

Line 118 requests an explanation of reasons why network improvement targets were not achieved, if applicable, at the wire center level or census block, as appropriate. While the five-year plan filed in 2014 showed 2015 capital expenditures of \$98 Thousand, the Company has been in the process of shortening the loop length and increasing bandwidth capacity as quickly as possible, to the point where as of 12/31/2015, 77% of residential loops could receive 10 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up and 98% 4 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up, which is on track with our broadband service goals envisioned in the five-year service quality improvement plan so while the total Capital expenditure amount differs from the amount shown in the five-year plan, the speeds delivered to the customers, which is the primary objective of the five-year plan, is on track.

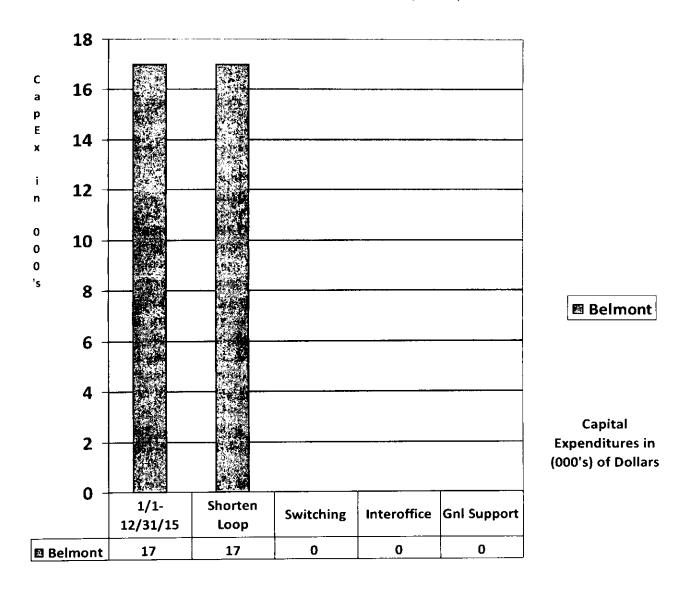
The company is vigilantly working on the network improvement objectives; however, often items such, but not limited to, the following cause delays (not in any particular order):

- 1) **Permits:** It is not possible to predict the ability to obtain all necessary permits, including easements and rights-of-way, within the five-year time-frame required to complete the capital expenditures included in the Company's five-year plan. Permits can be, and often are, delayed significantly by various governmental agencies and those delays are totally outside the control of the Company.
- 2) Weather Issues: It is not possible to predict the impact of the weather on the installation of the capital expenditures included in the Company's five-year plan. For example, if the ground is frozen, the timing of installing facilities can be significantly delayed and those delays are totally outside the control of the Company.
- 3) Lead Time to Obtain Materials from Vendors: It is not possible to predict when a material critical for the capital expenditures included in the Company's five-year plan may come into a shortage situation. For example, currently the industry is experiencing a shortage of fiber optic cable where there is a significant lead time to obtain fiber optic cable. Delays of this nature are impossible to predict and are totally outside the control of the Company.
- 4) Lead time to get Contractors to Install Facilities: Just as with the materials, the Company has experienced times when it was not able to obtain contractors to install the equipment because the Company is not large enough compared to other firms wanting the contractor to do work for them. Therefore, the Company had to wait until much later than anticipated to get the contractor to come install the facilities for them. Once again, delays of this nature are impossible to predict and are totally outside the control of the Company.

#### PROGRESS REPORT ON THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN:

As described in the five-year plan, the Company provides service primarily through the use of fiber optic cable and electronics between the central offices and the subscriber terminal equipment (e.g., Digital Loop Carriers ("DLCs")) in the field. Copper cable is still in use and most frequently, the last mile facilities are generally provided over copper. The Company has a certain amount of fiber-to-the-premise ("FTTP") facilities, as well. It is the company's intention to continue to install fiber optic cable and electronics, wherever feasible. The company has begun the transition from the TDM-based network to an IP-network and is continually assessing the most cost-effective technology solutions to provide our customers the services they request.

The company only has one exchange with one wire center; therefore, the progress report on the five-year plan is presented at the Company level (which is also the wire center level). Capital expenditures for the RLEC from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 are as follows:



#### **COMMUNITY ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS:**

Line 2020 of the Form 481 requests per 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(e)(ii), the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the ETC began offering broadband service in the preceding calendar year. The Company already provides broadband service to all of the community anchor institutions in the serving area. If the community anchor institution requests increased bandwidth, the Company works with the institution to determine and supply the broadband service that best fits the needs of the institution. No new community anchor institutions received broadband service from the Company in the preceding calendar year.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

The Company is generally on track to complete providing 4 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up (4/1) and 10 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up to customers as presented in the five-year service quality improvement plan filed in 2014 with the FCC. The company will improve and upgrade facilities in order to provide customers with the highest quality voice and broadband service in the most cost-effective manner. This includes shortening the length of the loops, as needed, in order to provide greater bandwidth to the customer, augmenting and upgrading the interexchange facilities, as needed, to provide greater speeds and sufficient facilities for special access circuits, including, but not limited to, dedicated facilities to wireless towers, modifying switching equipment, as needed, in order to provide the services and features desired by the customer, and adding/replacing general support equipment, as needed, in order to continue to operate as a company and provide service to the end user.